Reducing share of power from Central power plants of Rajasthan

†1493. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether share of power to Rajasthan from Central Power Plants is reducing consistently because of the formula evolved by Central owned power projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that present power distribution system from Central owned power projects like NTPC/NHPC has been reconsidered; and

(c) if so, the new targets set in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The power from Central Sector power stations, was being allocated among the States/UTs of a region in accordance with a formula based upon the Central Plan Assistance and actual energy consumption in the State of the region for previous five years, the two factors being given equal weightage. It has, however, been decided in April, 2000 that for future proejcts, the existing "formula" for allocation of powr to the States/UTs from new Central Sector power stations would be treated as "guidelines" so as to link the allocation of power with the need and capacity of constituent States to pay. However, there is no change in the contents of the formula and it does not disturb the allocation already made from the Central Sector Power Stations.

Selling off old coal-based plants of NTPC

1494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to sell certain old coal-based plants of NTPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of the plants to be sold in near future; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve capacity addition programme of 20000 MW over the next 10 years?

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